



# **West Virginia Senate**

## **Committee on Government Organization**

**Minutes for APRIL 01, 2021, 2:00 PM**

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Government Organization met on April 01, 2021, 2:00 PM in Room 208-W.

Members present: Senators Maynard, Swope, Maroney, Martin, Nelson, Smith, Stover, Sypolt, Woodrum, Caputo, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Woelfel

Members absent: None

A silent roll call being taken, the presence of a quorum was established.

On motion of Senator Swope, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

**H.B. 2834** – Adding the Curator of the West Virginia Division of Arts, Culture and History as an ex officio voting member of the commission

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. On motion of Senator Swope, H.B. 2834 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

**H.B. 2002** – Relating to Broadband

Phillip Childs, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. With leave of the committee, Daniel Linville, Delegate, WV House of Delegates, was administered the oath prescribed by Senate Rule 28a by Chairman Maynard, addressed the committee, and responded to questions. (See attached oath.) With leave of the committee, Angela Vance, Assistant WV State Director, AARP, was administered the oath virtually, prescribed by Senate Rule 28a by Chairman Maynard, addressed the committee, and responded to questions. (See attached oath.) Senator Woelfel offered an amendment. With leave of the committee, Chris Morris, Senior Vice-President, Citynet, was administered the oath prescribed by Senate Rule 28a by Chairman Maynard, addressed the committee, and responded to questions. (See attached oath.)

Without objection, the committee recessed until 15 minutes after the conclusion of the Floor Session.

Upon expiration of the recess, the committee reconvened on April 1, 2021, at 7:10 p.m.

Senator Caputo asked unanimous consent to withdraw the amendments offered by Senator Woelfel. It was put and withdrawn. Senator Caputo moved to amend the bill, it was put and adopted. Senator Nelson moved to amend the bill, it was put and adopted. Senator Sypolt moved to amend the bill, it was put and adopted. On motion of Senator Swope, the strike and

insert amendment was adopted. On motion of Senator Swope, H.B. 2002 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, as amended.

**H.B. 2969** – To clarify the procedures for the sale and operation of a municipally owned toll bridge by a private toll transportation facility

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. On motion of Senator Swope, the strike and insert amendment was adopted. On motion of Senator Swope, H.B. 2969 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, as amended. On motion of Senator Swope, the title amendment was adopted.

**H.B. 2573** – Relating generally to the transparency and accountability of state grants to reduce waste, fraud, and abuse

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. On motion of Senator Swope, H.B. 2573 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass; but under the original double committee reference first be referred to the Committee on Finance.

**H.B. 2722** – Prohibiting the use of class B fire-fighting foam for testing purposes if the foam contains a certain class of fluorinated organic chemicals

Phillip Childs, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. On motion of Senator Swope, H.B. 2722 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

**H.B. 2914** – To remove certain ex officio, voting members from the Archives and History Commission and update formatting

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. On motion of Senator Swope, H.B. 2914 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

**H.B. 2890** – To clarify the regulatory authority of the Public Service Commission of West Virginia over luxury limousine services

Phillip Childs, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. Senator Jeffries moved to amend the bill. With leave of the committee, Richie Heath, representative, Elite Limousine Services, was administered the oath prescribed by Senate Rule 28a by Chairman Maynard, addressed the committee, and responded to questions. (See attached oath.) The amendment was put, and failed. On motion of Senator Swope, H.B. 2890 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, as amended; but under the original double committee reference first be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On Motion of Senator Swope the committee adjourned.

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Mark R. Maynard, Chair

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Isabel Kinnison, Analyst/Clerk



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Remote/Virtual Testimony

Testimony taken this 1 day of April, 2021, in  
the Senate Committee on Government Organization.

"I solemnly swear (or affirm) that the testimony I shall give shall be  
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Angela Vance  
Print Witness Name

Isabel Keninison  
Testimony Attested to by Committee  
Clerk

Oath was administered by:

Mark R. Maynard  
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